THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The contract was awarded to M|s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad for a period of 4 months in view of the operational needs and safeguarding the financial & administrative interests of the Railway Administration.

(b) M|s. Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti worked from 22-2-87 to 21-6.87 for coal handling. cinder picking and ash handling work at Allahabad and the deductions on different accounts are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Penalties were levied on the Society in terms of the provisions of the contract, details of which have been furnished as at (b) above.

Statement

Deduction [illegible], Non-Stacking Penalty and Penalty for Cinder Shortage Etc.) At Loco Shed Allahabad Work Done By M|S. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shri Ram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd. Allahabad For the Period 22-2-87 *To* 21-6-87.

Month	Engine detention	Demurrage	Penalty for non-stacking	Penalty for cinder shortage
	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Feb. '87 (22-2-87 to 28-2-87)	——	50·40	——	——
March, 87	——	38·64	163·70	——
April, 87	80·00	285·60	286·30	1715·70
May, 87	120·00	1364·46	85·60	——
June, 87 (up to 21-6-87)	20·00	1759·08	516·20	1719·27

Announcements in Aircraft in regional language

381. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1785 given in Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 1987 and state whether Government propose to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): There is no such proposal to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi. All inflight announcements in Indian Airlines flights are made in Hindi and English; ground announcements, wherever made by Indian Airlines, are done in regional language also, in addition to Hindi and English. Air-India also make announcements in Tamil on the India|Kaulalumpur|Singapore|India Sector and in Malayalam on Trivandrum|Gulf|Trivandrum flights in addition to English and Hindi.

Poor telephone service in southern states

382. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone fault rectification and telephone maintenance and service is comparatively very poor in the four southern states of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Performance of Southern States is comparatively better than other zones.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Weekly oral contraceptive for women

383. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government (Drugs Controller) have approved the use of once a week oral contraceptive for women; and

(b) whether any clinical trial have been made in this regard and if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Information is being collecetd and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Three language formula

384. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of non-Hindi language States which have opted to teach and promote the three language formula; the number of States and the number of institutions that have adopted Tamil as the third language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): All the States have, in principle, accepted the Three Language Formula except Tamil Nadu which is implementing a two language formula. In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, in Pondicherry and Karaikal two language formula is implemented whereas in Mahe and Yanam three language formula is implemented. Assam accepted the three language formula but subsequently it has been revising the arrangements for teaching of languages. Assam Government has reported that the arrangements in this regard are still being worked out and at present a two language formula comprising of the mother tongue as the first language and English as the second language is under implementation. According to the information collected by the Ministry recently, 6 States|UTs in the Country at present allow teaching of Tamil as the Third language.

Importance of the preventive and curative aspects in the Health Sciences

385. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to give more importance to preventive aspect than the curative side in Health services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the W.H.O. has recently stressed the importance of increasing the use of preventive medicines all over the world, especially that in over populated country like ours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the importance of prevention of diseases, the Govt. of India have shifted the emphasis from curative to preventive and promotive aspects of health care during the recent Plan periods and have launched programmes against several communicable diseases like malaria, filaria, leprosy, tuberculosis, diarrhoeal diseases, kala-azar, STD and in non-communicable diseases like cancer, Blindness, Mental Health etc. These Programmes include early identification and health education, environmental improvement through Vector Control and other measures, and immunoprophylaxis and also treatment of the cases. There is thus integration of preventive and curative measures through a primary Health Care System. The Government have also launched an Universal Immunization Programme against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, tuberculosis and typhoid.